

MASS Intentions

Saturday, February 25th

5:30pm: Edward Michonski, Sr. – r/o Kathy & Tim Segada

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

Sunday, February 26th

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Theresa Nenninger – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

Monday, February 27th

8:00am: Geraldine Bender Syfor – r/o Jean Rowe

Tuesday, February 28th

8:00am: William Naratil – r/o Mary E. Naratil

Wednesday, March 1st

8:00am: Birthday Blessings for Kathy Gromlowicz – r/o The Morning Regulars

Thursday, March 2nd

8:00am: Blessings for Darcie, Julie & Russ Strohmaier - r/o M/M Karl Strohmaier

Friday, March 3rd

8:00am: Blessings for Kara & Baby Angel – r/o Grandma & Grandpa Porzio

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, March 4th

8:00am: Elizabeth “Betty” Wilson – r/o Carol Hollar

8:30am: Adoration till 12 noon

5:30pm: Henry & Sophie Bryk – r/o Their Family

7:00pm: Tomas J. Molina – r/o His Loving Family (Spanish Mass)

Sunday, March 5th

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region of Turkey & Syria due to the recent earthquakes. These are two organizations who have established online giving portals to assist:
Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org> &
Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org>



“It is written: ‘The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.’” Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other “gods” we have put before God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



*The St. Anthony Candle this week burns in loving memory of **Madeleine Piteo** – r/o The Koslo Family*

Collections

February 19, 2023 *thank you*

Weekly Collection: \$5,390
Electronic Giving: \$1,022
Total Giving: \$6,412

2/5 The Catholic Spirit: \$1,034
2/12 Snow Removal: \$1,425

Next weekend there will be a special second collection for **Repairs & Renovations** for our church property.



Our Magnificat Moms group is looking for new members to help out hosting hospitality events for our church. Please contact Dani Acuna to join 908-380-8414

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



ST. MARY'S CUPBOARD

In School Building:

Tuesday
6pm to 7pm
and
Saturday
10am to 12noon

This week we are collecting:

JUICE OR JUICE BOXES

Donations can be dropped off in the Church or at the Pantry during opened hours. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

For information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118 Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Private David Decker (ARNG), Nolan Drylie-U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-E4 Airforce Reserve, Robert Hess, Brial Holl, General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1st Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserve



Jodi Bremner, Lucille Caldara, Joe Chiarello, Lili Decker, Edward Dimiceli, Michael, Peg & KK Jeffery, Donald J. Keady, Stacey Lennon, Tiffany Pulis and Elaina Rewiski and Steve Yosh.

For all those sick with COVID-19 & their caregivers.

Please call the parish if you are a parishioner who would like to be added onto our prayer list.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday – Friday - 7:30pm
on ZOOM - with Deacon Walter
 Meeting ID: 358634252
 Password: 008173

You may also email Deacon Walter at walter.p257@comcast.net to request a prayer for a special intention.

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

-Before you go food shopping buy Shoprite and Weis gift cards from us. We get \$5 for every \$100 dollars you buy! On sale after all Masses and in the Rectory from Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. This also does not cost you any more money than you usually use at the store.

We now have the capability to take credit cards. The charge is \$3. Per \$100.

-Electronic Giving is available to you for your weekly donations to our church. Just go on to our website and click on the **“Electronic Giving”** tab and set up your account. You can edit your account any time you would like.

FAITH FORMATION

Rose Strohmaier, PCL (908) 303-9692

Faith Formation Office is located in the
School Building

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org

Calendar

February

Sunday 26—Confirmation II Hosts 10:00AM
Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

March

**Wednesday 1—Faith Formation
Sacrament of Reconciliation all children
Year 3 through Confirmation II-Parents
invited**

Sunday 5—Confirmation I Hosts 10:00AM
Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**Wednesday 8—Faith Formation—Father
Leo/Deacons interview Confirmation
Candidates**

**Saturday 11—CALENDAR CHANGE—
Confirmandi II Retreat with Sponsors
and/or Parent 1:00PM-6:30PM**

Sunday 12—Year 3 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—
arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed/prepared
sign-in

Wednesday 15—Catechist Meeting-NO

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN

**Saturday 18—Communion Retreat with
Parents 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Sunday 19—Confirmation II Hosts 10:00AM
Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

Wednesday 22—Faith Formation

Sunday 26—Year 6 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—
arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**Wednesday 29—Faith Formation *Father
Leo Parent Session discussing an article
on the teaching of the faith***



***Please keep in your
prayers our Spanish older
children receiving 1st
Communion on February
25 & March 4th at Spanish
Mass.***

2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration & Family Participation

****Mass Attendance:** Jesus is truly present to us at every mass and that is why the significance of family Mass attendance cannot be minimized and is at the heart of our faith. ***First and foremost, Faith Formation families are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass.***

****Sessions:** There are two sessions every Wednesday. ***First Session: 4:15PM – 5:30PM*** Communion I through Year 4
Second Session: 6:30PM – 8:00PM: Year 5 through Confirmation II

All children are expected to attend every Wednesday. If a child is homeschooled for a medical purpose in public school, the appropriate accommodations will be available for that child to be homeschooled in this program as well.

****Family Participation**

Requirements—According to Diocesan Policy, formation in the faith takes place every day through every year. **That being said, our program runs consistently from Communion I through Confirmation for all registered children who will meet in school every Wednesday.**

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our needs are growing and we are preparing to build teams of both English and bi-lingual Catechists. We would like to meet with and train these Catechists prior to the start of the 2023-24 year. The only requirement to participate in this ministry is to love God so much you wish to share that love with children. Text or call Rose Strohmaier at 908-303-9692

All volunteers who work with children must get background checked as per our Diocese's guidelines.

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

The impact and success of the Catholic Center at Rutgers is relational outreach to students, a distinct approach for college campus ministry. The staff includes religious from the Sisters of Jesus Our Hope and the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as, the Associate Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen and several interns. They are out on campus meeting and interacting with students where they live their lives and also reach them using the tools of technology. Thanks to your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Catholic Center offers a safe haven where students are able to grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith, experience a meaningful sense of service to the community, and come to a deeper understanding of their call to discipleship. Thank you for your support.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Our parish goal is \$45,000 – Please help our parish reach this goal!

Ways to Share our Gifts

• Pledging

Choosing to pledge with your desired payment schedule over time may allow you to be more generous. Monthly reminders will be sent.

• Gift by Check

Whether your gift is a one-time paid in full gift or an installment of a pledged gift, please make your check payable to: Diocese of Metuchen- Bishop's Annual Appeal.

• Gift by Credit Card

Complete your gift and credit card information on your pledge card or visit our secure online giving site at

<http://diometuchen.org/BAA>

• Matching Your Gift

Corporate matching gifts are a great way to maximize your personal contribution. To use

our Company Match Finder to see if your company has such a program and if it will match your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or one of the entities of the Diocese of Metuchen, go to www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen If you need assistance call 732-562-2436 or email matching.gifts@diometuchen.org

Eucharistic Revival Prayer

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Jesus, Lord of the Church, grant that by partaking of your Body and Blood we may become one body and one spirit in You.

Amen.

CHOICES MATTER

"Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"

A Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023

St. John Neumann

Pastoral Center

Opening Mass at 9 am

- Bishop Checchio

Conference from

10 am to 3:30 pm

Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)

Featuring National Speakers

Register at diometuchen.org

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bautizos: Todos los Bautizos se celebraran el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:30pm en español. Minimo un mes de anticipacion. Contactar a Nicolas Salinas para las clases de preparacion.

Bodas: Contactar la rectoria
(Minimo un año de anticipacion)

26 de Febrero de 2023 - 1 er Domingo de Cuaresma

“Está escrito: ‘Adora al Señor tu Dios y sírvele solamente a él’ ” MATEO 4:10
Tentado a elegir entre las riquezas y el poder de este mundo y el servicio a Dios, Jesús eligió servir a Su Padre. Si queremos realmente seguir a Jesús, nosotros también debemos decidiralejarnos del poder y las riquezas mundanas y poner a Dios en el centro de nuestras vidas. La cuaresma es nuestro tiempo para reducir nuestras cosas terrenales, y desarrollar y cultivar las cosas celestiales. La cuaresma es el tiempo para arrepentirse y dejar ir a los otros “dioses” que hemos puesto delante de Dios.

Lecturas de la semana

Lunes: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Sal 18:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Martes: Is 55:10-11; Sal 33:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Miércoles: Jon 3:1-10; Sal 50:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lc 11:29-32

Jueves: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Sal 137:1-2a, 2bc-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Viernes: Ez 18:21-28; Sal 129:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 7-8; Mt 5:20-26

Sábado: Dt 26:16-19; Sal 118:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Domingo: Gn 12:1-4a; Sal 32:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Ofrecemos una clase de inglés para ADULTOS los martes en la escuela de 5:30 pm a 6:30 pm. Llame a la Rectoría 908-852-3320 para dejar un mensaje para Vita si está interesado o comuníquese directamente con ella a vitam@aol.com

Campaña Anual del Obispo 2023 Renovados y enviados en misión por la Eucaristía

El impacto y el éxito del Centro Católico en Rutgers es la relación directa con los estudiantes, un enfoque distinto para el ministerio del campus universitario. El personal incluye religiosos de las Hermanas de Jesús Nuestra Esperanza y la Hermandad de la Esperanza, así como el Director Asociado de Vocaciones de la Diócesis de Metuchen y varios pasantes. Ellos están en el campus reuniéndose e interactuando donde los estudiantes viven sus vidas y también se acercan a ellos por medio de las herramientas tecnológicas. Gracias a su donación a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, el Centro Católico ofrece un refugio seguro donde los estudiantes pueden crecer en el conocimiento y práctica de la fe, experimentar el significado del servicio a la comunidad y llegar a una comprensión más profunda de su llamado al discipulado. Gracias por su apoyo.

Si aún no ha hecho su donación, considere hacerlo hoy en oración, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando el sitio web seguro:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Oraciones por Nuestros Niños de Primera Comunión

Diez de nuestros niños vivirán un día muy especial en sus vidas. Recibirán su Primera Comunión (Eucaristía) en la Misa de los Sábados a las 7:pm en español. El día 25 de Febrero 9 niños recibirán su Primera Comunión y el día 4 de Marzo otro niño. La Eucaristía es la fuente y cumbre de nuestra Fé en la cual recibimos al Señor. La Eucaristía es un acto de acción de gracias a Dios en la cual recordamos la Cena del Señor con sus Apóstoles. Oremos por nuestros niños que recibirán su Primera Comunión.

PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

ORACIÓN POR EL SÍNODO SOBRE LA SINODALIDAD

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre. Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero: ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones.
Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.
Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.
No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.
Concédenos el don del discernimiento, para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por prejuicios y falsas consideraciones.
Condúcenos a la unidad en ti, para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforcemos por alcanzar la vida eterna.
Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion **February 22nd - April 2** during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Offer time to peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave. Washington. Please lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, amjadopt@comcast.net 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/> Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with You Wherever You go. Joshua 1:9

	Sunday Feb. 25 & 26 Readings:	No. 1016
Entrance Hymn	The Glory of These Forty Days	No. 481
Offertory Hymn	Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days	No. 479
Communion Hymn	Tree of Life	No 475
Recessional Hymn	Dona Nobis Pacem	No. 822



The Hackettstown Columbus Club
Presents: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Corned
Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots
and all the fixings!! \$20.00 per dinner
Friday March 17th
Two Seatings 4:00pm to 5:30pm
6:30pm to 8:00pm
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE
Tickets Required in Advance
For Tickets & Information Contact: 973-945-
3947 leave a message 908-852-9758 leave
a message, columbusclub2483@gmail.com